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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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EP '288 and EP '391 were cited in a European Search Report in a

corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant

for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the European Search Report is also included for

the Examiner's convenience.

JP '487 was cited in an Office Action of a corresponding Japanese

application. An English translation of JP '487 will be provided.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such

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Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 under 37 CFR

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